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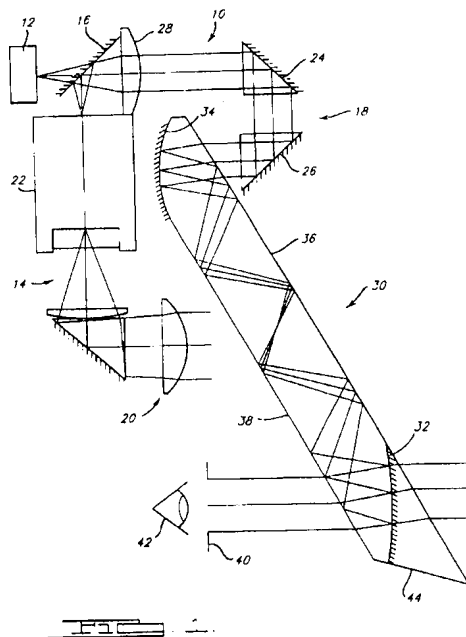
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(57) An apparatus for combining a display image with the field of view of a viewer. Light from either a night vision system (14) of a CRT (12) is directed into an eyepiece (12). The eyepiece (12) magnifies and focuses the image into a combiner (30). The combiner (30) consists of an elongated optical element with two parallel sides (36) and (38) and two concave reflective surfaces (32) and (34) at each end. Light entering the combiner (30) is reflected off the first reflective surface (32) and then is reflected back and forth between the sides of the combiner (36) and (38) and then onto the second reflective surface (32).

Light reflected off the second reflective surface (32) is combined with light entering from the field of view of the viewer through a prism element (44). The result is that the display image is superimposed in the field of view of the viewer. The system is light in weight, does not protrude significantly from the user's head, introduces minimal distortion and offers a wide field view.

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